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Mayor Sanders Appoints 1 and Reappoints 5 to the Commission for Arts and Culture

San Diego- Mayor Sanders has appointed Joanne Hayakawa and reappointed Claire Anderson, Courtney Ann Coyle, Lewis Klein, Aida Mancillas, and Lorin Stewart to the Commission for Arts & Culture, subject to City Council confirmation.

Joanne Hayakawa has been a Professor of Art at San Diego State University since 1982. Ms. Hayakawa's artistic talents, vast knowledge of artistic techniques, and more than 33 years experience within the arts arena has allowed her to teach, lecture, and exhibit at galleries, universities, museums, art centers, and diverse art venues throughout the country. She has been featured as a solo exhibitor at the William D. Cannon Art Gallery in Carlsbad, California, Quint Contemporary Art in La Jolla, California, Wita Gardner Gallery in San Diego, and various universities including the University of Southern California, University of California San Diego, and University of Tennessee. Ms. Hayakawa's sculptural and ceramic artistry has been featured locally and nationally in group exhibitions including *Voices from the Pacific Rim: Asian American Ceramists* at the University of Judaism in Bel Air, California; *Japan/USA, a Cross Cultural Exchange* in Santa Fe, New Mexico; *International Contemporary Ceramics* from the Igal and Diane Silber Collection at the Laguna Art Museum in Laguna, California; and *Scripps Ceramic Annual* invitational exhibition at the Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery at Scripps College in Claremont, California. Her artistry and expertise has also been featured in numerous local and national publications, catalogs, articles, and periodicals.

As a professor of art, Ms. Hayakawa has been able to share her knowledge and inspire others' artistic talents. She has also been very active in serving the arts community by participating as a panelist and serving on various arts and culture related committees. In 1999, Ms. Hayakawa was commissioned by the City's Commission for Arts & Culture for the *Vital Parts* public art installation in Mission Valley. She later became an artist selection panelist and served on the Commission for Arts & Culture's Public Art Master Plan Steering Committee. She has also lectured on her own work and public art in San Diego and the United States at the State Institute of Ceramics in Faenza, Italy. Ms. Hayakawa's innate artistic ability and insightful understanding of art mediums will be a valuable asset to the Commission for Arts & Culture.

Ms. Hayakawa received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Washington. Ms. Hayakawa will replace Dr. Joyce Gattas, who is termed out, for a term expiring August 31, 2009. Ms. Hayakawa resides in Scripps Ranch.

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